

A photograph of a modern school building with a large, curved, light-colored roof structure supported by several pillars. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. The title 'SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top, with 'NEWSLETTER' in a smaller font below it.

SAWTELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"A member of the Bongil Bongil Learning Community"

18 OCTOBER 2017 — TERM 4 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school community is looking forward to welcoming students who will be in Kindergarten in 2018 and their families at Orientation Day this Friday 20 October at 9:00am. Parents have a meeting with community and school members in the new hall while students get together for the first time in KM classroom. Numbers indicate at least 2 Kindergarten classes next year.

Mrs King is on leave and is replaced by Mr Forbes.

Major events coming up include: our Public Speaking stage winners competing in the Bongil Bongil Public Speaking on Tuesday 24 October, our Maths Master winners will be challenging Boambee PS in the Maths Master World Cup on Wednesday 1 November at 11:15, the choir performance at the Opera House on Tuesday 7 November, Year 4 spend two nights at the Cascade Field Study Centre and Year 6 venture to Sydney for a week later in the term. Two other very important dates are Tuesday 6 December (School Concert 6pm) and Friday 8 December (Presentation Morning 9:00am). Keep an eye on our school calendar in the newsletter for other important events. The best way is through our Skoolbag App.

We are trying to reduce the number of broadcast announcements over the school speaker system during learning time as the interruption can cause students to lose focus. If parents require a special message to reach their child office staff will try to contact your child but will no longer be making broadcast announcements except in exceptional circumstances. Broadcast announcements can still be made at recess and lunchtime.

Just as all parents who spend time with students at school have to have a Working with Children Check, all staff are to have WWCC numbers by 17 November this year or they will not be allowed at work or get paid. If parents are thinking of supporting excursions they will need to have a WWCC number. This is free for volunteers on the <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/> website.

The P&C uniform shop has moved into our multipurpose room (old staffroom) and is open Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:30am. There seems to be a number of the school sports shirts still not returned. Can families please check where shirts might be hiding and return them to school.

Please have a close look at the calendar over the page. There are a number of important dates for Term 4 that parents need to be aware of as we enter the 'celebration' time of the year.

Social media is a challenging digital space for many students. If parents allow their children to be active on social media please check age requirements and security settings for the app before letting your child sign up. If students sign up parents then need to regularly monitor their child's activities and contacts.

There is an opportunity for students to be involved in creating artworks to celebrate the planting day of our main street fig trees at the Sawtell Art Gallery this Saturday. Nice thing to do on a rainy day. More information in flyer accompanying this newsletter.

In the holidays I had the pleasure of going to the opening of Fitzroy Oval facilities in Coffs Harbour. The Aboriginal artwork of one of our ex-students, Jessica Sandry, who now attends Toormina HS, was embedded in the metal artwork on the building. It is always uplifting to see past students achieving and leading in our community.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the questionnaire attached to this newsletter. Your feedback will help inform the 2018-2020 school plan and the 2017 annual school report.

BUILDING NEWS - Wahoo!

The library refurbishment, basketball roof extension and the staffroom refurbishment have all been completed. There are just a few finishing touches to go and some organisational action needed from staff around storerooms. 4/5P are having their ceiling painted this Thursday/Friday. They will have lessons in the new library while their classroom is being painted. The raising of the walkway roof outside the library will be completed this week. Then we can concentrate on the gardens.

GARDEN WORING BEES - Thursdays from 11:15

If you have some spare time, spare muscles and greenish thumbs please come and help out with gardening projects. We will be working each Thursday until the end of term from 11:15 until home time. There are lots of jobs to do. Bring gloves and tools if you have them.

YEAR 6 TASTER LESSONS AT THS

Today Year 6 commenced visits to Toormina High School for taster lessons. This is where they are treated like a high schooler for the afternoon with the choice of subjects such as drama, LOTE and food technology. They are all very excited to go to the high school!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 20 Oct	Kinder 2018 Orientation Day 8:55
Mon 23 Oct	Concussion Workshop - Hall [all day]
Tues 24 Oct	Bongil Bongil Public Speaking
Wed 1 Nov	Maths Master Yrs 3-6 - 11:15am
6-8 Nov	Opera House Choir to Sydney
Thurs 9 Nov	Summer Sessions - Fig Tree Birthday 4:30pm Choir & Dance Performance
Sun 11 Nov	Coffs Beach Walk for Men's Health 10:30
13-17 Nov	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Fri 17 Nov	Chess Tournament
Mon 20 Nov	Dental Van
21-23 Nov	Year 4 Cascade Camp
23/24 Nov	Year 3 Overnight Camp
Tues 28 Nov	Surf Safety Year 6
Wed 29 Dec	Scripture Concert 1:35pm
Fri 1 Dec	P&C Retirement 'Do' for Mr Cheers, Mrs McMahon & Ms Turnbull - Boambee Bay Reserve 5-7pm
Mon 4 Dec	Dress Rehearsal for School Concert
Tues 5 Dec	School Concert Night 6:00pm
Fri 8 Dec	Presentation Assembly 9:00am - 11:00am
Mon 11 Dec	Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm
Wed 13 Dec	Reports Home
Thurs 14 Dec	Picnic Day 7:00am - 1:00pm Summer Sessions - Xmas Performance
Fri 15 Dec	Last Day of Term for Students

ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly will be Kinder classes at 8:55am.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop will now be operating from the multipurpose room [old staffroom], Wednesdays from 8:30am.

BOOK CLUB

All book club orders must be handed into the office by Friday 20 October. Thank you.



P&C NEWS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

This Friday 20 October, the P&C will make a special presentation to the school during the morning assembly. This will already compliment a special day with the 2018 Kinder Orientation and assembly item presented by this year's Kinder. We remain tight lipped as to the presentation and encourage all parents to attend to witness this occasion.

P&C SPORTS RAFFLE - can you help sell tickets?

Tickets are still available from P&C members, Mr Cheers and at the school office. We are seeking parents to collect a book (or three) from the office to sell within their community and workplaces. This will be drawn this year!! Tickets are \$10 each and limited to 1500 tickets. Choice of 3 prizes: Cricket bat signed by the captains of the ICC T20 2016 World Cup, \$800 Madness surfboard and small spring suit, and a 2016 NRL NSW State of Origin jersey, personally signed by Captain Paul Gallen.

BIRDWATCHING/ TWITCHATHON/BIRDATHON

Birdwatching/ Twitchathon/Birdathon 28 and 29 October. Students have the opportunity to collect birdwatching sheets. These BIRDO sheets are a skill building program that gradually develops bird identification skills in keen nature lovers. Sheets will be available from Mr Cheers in the library at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Each year we have teams of students and families compete in the Twitchathon now called the Birdathon (birdwatching competition). I suggest family teams enter the Birdathon which is 3 one hour timeslots, as the Twitchathon is more the crazier birdwatching types.

You will find the registration forms, prizes and rules for each race category available for download at the website: <https://www.birdlifetwitchathon.org.au>

Direct your generous donation to the fundraising website: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/twitchathon-nsw-act-2017>

Ask them to donate by following the links, and to type your team's name into the comments box when they donate, so that we as organisers know they are supporting your team. The website will automatically provide you with a receipt.

FURNITURE FOR SALE

LAST CHANCE tomorrow THURSDAY 19 October

Due to the school receiving new furniture we have a number of old chairs, bookshelves and sundry furniture superfluous to our needs. These goods are being placed in the cola of the hall and will be for sale tomorrow, Thursday 19 October. Make Mr Cheers an offer.

WELCOME
LOOK AROUND
ASK QUESTIONS
FALL IN LOVE
MAKE AN OFFER



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